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the first Saturday after the first Monday in November, 1963, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the following:

"FOR the Amendment to Section 49-b of Article III of the Constitution of Texas to increase the Veterans' Land Fund by \$150,000,000.00; said Fund to be used for the purpose of purchasing land in Texas to be sold to Texas veterans who served in the Armed Services of the United States between September 16, 1940, and March 31, 1955; such funds to be expended in accordance with instructions and requirements that may be provided by law"; and

"AGAINST the Amendment to Section 49-b of Article III of the Constitution of Texas to increase the Veterans' Land Fund by \$150,000,000.00; said Fund to be used for the purpose of purchasing land in Texas to be sold to Texas veterans who served in the Armed Services of the United States between September 16, 1940, and March 31, 1955; such funds to be expended in accordance with instructions and requirements that may be provided by law."

If it appears from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast were in favor of same Amendment, the same shall become a part of the State Constitution and be effective from the date set forth in said Amendment, and the Governor shall issue a proclamation in keeping therewith.

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and shall have the same published as required by the Constitution and Laws of this state.

Passed the Senate, March 5, 1963: Yeas 31, Nays 0; May 20, 1963,

Senate concurred in House amendment: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House, May 15, 1963, with amendment: Yeas 134, Nays 8.

Filed without Governor's signature, May 30, 1963.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS TO NEEDY AGED PERSONS

S. J. R. No. 21

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, amending Sections 51-a and 51-b-1 of Article III so that the same shall consist of one Section to be known as Section 51-a; providing that the Legislature shall have the power to provide assistance to and provide for the payment of same to (1) citizens of Texas who are needy aged persons over the age of sixty-five (65) years, (2) needy persons who are at least eighteen (18) years of age and less than sixty-five (65) years of age who are permanently and totally disabled, (3) needy blind persons over the age of twenty-one (21) years, and (4) needy children under the age of sixteen (16) years; authorizing the Legislature to set up residence requirements for eligibility for such assistance; repealing the Constitutional limit on the amount paid out of state funds to individual recipients of Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled; providing that the amounts for such assistance payments shall not exceed the amounts that are matchable out of federal funds for such purposes; providing that the amounts expended out of state funds for such purposes shall not exceed Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000); providing for the acceptance of financial aid from the Government of the United States; providing for the necessary election, form of ballot, proclamation, and publication.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Sections 51-a and 51-b-1 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended, and the same are hereby amended, so that the same shall hereafter consist of one Section to be known as Section 51-a of Article III, which shall read as follows:

"Section 51-a. The Legislature shall have the power, by General Laws, to provide, subject to limitations and restrictions herein contained, and

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such other limitations, restrictions and regulations as may by the Legislature be deemed expedient, for assistance to, and for the payment of assistance to:

"(1) Needy aged persons who are actual bona fide citizens of Texas, and who are over the age of sixty-five (65) years; provided that no such assistance shall be paid to any inmate of any state-supported institution, while such inmate; provided that the Legislature shall prescribe the residence requirements for eligibility; provided that the maximum amount paid out of state funds to any individual recipient shall not exceed the amount that is matchable out of federal funds; and provided further, that the total amount of such assistance payments out of state funds on behalf of such recipients shall not exceed the amount that is matchable out of federal funds.

"(2) Needy individuals, who are citizens of the United States, who shall have passed their eighteenth (18th) birthday but have not passed their sixty-fifth (65th) birthday, who are totally and permanently disabled by reason of a mental or physical handicap or a combination of physical and mental handicaps and not feasible for vocational rehabilitation; provided that the Legislature shall prescribe the residence requirements for eligibility; provided further, that no individual shall receive assistance under this program for the permanently and totally disabled during any period when he is receiving Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Needy Blind, or Aid to Dependent Children, nor while he is residing permanently in any completely state-supported institution; provided that the maximum amount paid out of state funds to any individual recipient shall not exceed the amount that is matchable out of federal funds; and provided further, that the total amount of such assistance payments out of state funds on behalf of such recipients shall not exceed the amount that is matchable out of federal funds.

"(3) Needy blind persons who are actual bona fide citizens of Texas, and are over the age of twenty-one (21) years; provided that no such assistance shall be paid to any inmate of any state-supported institution, while such inmate; provided that the Legislature shall prescribe the residence requirements for eligibility; provided that the maximum amount paid out of state funds to any individual recipient shall not exceed the amount that is matchable out of federal funds; and provided further, that the total amount of such assistance payments out of state funds on behalf of such recipients shall not exceed the amount that is matchable out of federal funds.

"(4) Needy children who are actual bona fide citizens of Texas, and are under the age of sixteen (16) years; provided that the Legislature shall prescribe the residence requirements for eligibility; provided that the maximum amount paid out of state funds to any individual recipient shall not exceed the amount that is matchable out of federal funds; and provided further, that the total amount of such assistance payments out of state funds on behalf of such recipients shall not exceed the amount that is matchable out of federal funds.

"The Legislature shall have the authority to accept from the Government of the United States such financial aid for such assistance as such Government may offer not inconsistent with the restrictions herein set forth; provided, however, that the amount of such assistance out of state funds to each person assisted shall never exceed the amount matchable out of federal funds; and provided further, that the total amount of money to be expended per year out of state funds for such assistance shall never exceed Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000).

"The Legislature may enact appropriate laws to make lists of the recipients of aid hereunder available for inspection, under such limitations and restrictions as may be deemed appropriate by the Legislature."

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Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Saturday after the first Monday in November, 1963, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the following:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment providing for assistance payments to the (1) needy aged, (2) needy individuals who are permanently and totally disabled, (3) needy blind and (4) needy children; authorizing the Legislature to set up residence requirements for eligibility; authorizing the Legislature to make appropriations out of state funds for the payment of assistance grants on behalf of such recipients; providing for the acceptance of funds from the Government of the United States for the purpose of paying such assistance grants; providing that the amounts expended out of state funds on behalf of individual recipients shall not exceed the amounts that are matchable out of federal funds; and providing further, that the total amounts expended per year out of state funds for such assistance payments shall never exceed Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000)."

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment providing for assistance payments to the (1) needy aged, (2) needy individuals who are permanently and totally disabled, (3) needy blind and (4) needy children; authorizing the Legislature to set up residence requirements for eligibility; authorizing the Legislature to make appropriations out of state funds for the payment of assistance grants on behalf of such recipients; providing for the acceptance of funds from the Government of the United States for the purpose of paying such assistance grants; providing that the amounts expended out of state funds on behalf of individual recipients shall not exceed the amounts that are matchable out of federal funds; and providing further that the total amounts expended per year out of state funds for such assistance payments shall never exceed Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000)."

Sec. 3. The Governor of Texas shall issue the necessary Proclamation for the election and this Amendment shall be published in the manner and for the length of time required by the Constitution and laws of this state.

Passed the Senate, March 19, 1963: Yeas 21, Nays 5; May 20, 1963, Senate concurred in House amendments: Yeas 29, Nays 0; passed the House, May 15, 1963, with amendments: Yeas 129, Nays 9.
Filed without Governor's signature, May 30, 1963.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN JEFFERSON COUNTY— RETIREMENT

S. J. R. No. 26

Proposing an amendment to Article XVI, Section 62 of the Constitution of Texas, by adding thereto a new subsection authorizing all political subdivisions of Jefferson County, Texas, to provide retirement, disability and death benefits for all appointive officers and employees of all political subdivisions within Jefferson County; providing for the necessary election, form of ballot, proclamation and publication.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 62 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended by adding thereto a new subsection (c), reading as follows:

"(c) Each political subdivision within Jefferson County, Texas, shall have the right to provide for and administer a Retirement, Disability and